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SUBJECT: OXCART Briefing for _____ Chief, _____

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1. On 15 March _____ was provided an operational briefing on project OXCART. The purpose of the briefing was to acquaint _____ with the requirement for refueling aircraft and emergency bases in Pakistan and Turkey, and to solicit his opinion regarding the political climates now prevailing in these countries and the wisdom of approaching these countries for base and refueling rights. It was _____ opinion that we should not seek to obtain prior permission from the host countries for either overhead refueling or emergency base rights, but rather attempt to blend our operation within patterns established by SAC.

2. In defense of his reasoning not to brief any representatives of the host governments at this time, _____ stated that the turmoil which is present in Turkey, specifically, could not permit a designation by him of what individual would be the proper one to brief and if such a designation were possible he could not guarantee the longevity of any such individual within the government.
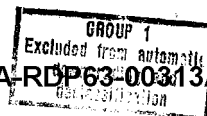
3. He also opined that we should take no action at this time to brief the _____ concerned until we are well approaching actual operational readiness and then to reconsider the wisdom of such an action at that time. He recommended that we not attempt to obtain Turkish approval prior to the establishment of the special fuel farm or pipe lines in Turkey but again ride the coattails of SAC and accomplish the necessary construction and preparation under the guise of a normal SAC or Air Force requirement. He mentioned that he and the Director might

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possibly travel to Turkey next month and at that time would possibly consider surfacing the operation to the [   ] and/or ambassador.

4. In a telephone conversation with [   ] following his briefing he reaffirmed his position and stated he felt we should definitely limit the knowledgability of this program in the field.

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(Signed)

[   ]
Chief, Program Staff
(Special Activities)

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